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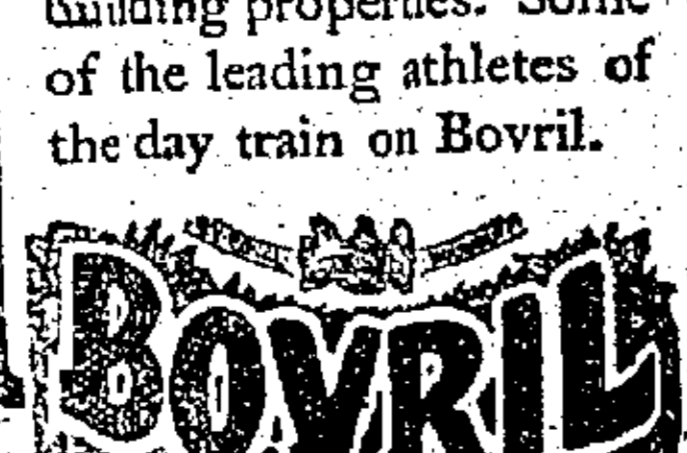
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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, December 21, 1903. 2605.

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## MARRIAGE.

On the 21st instant, at the Union Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. C. H. Hickling, JOHN ALEXANDER, third son of the late Robert Patie, of Rivonia, Nelson, N.Z., to MARGARET, second daughter of the late Cornelius Scanlan, of C. Hill, Ireland.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.00 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1903.

WE have no desire to add fuel to the fire of speculation regarding the possible outbreak of hostilities, but it is evident that the British authorities are impressed with the seriousness of the situation, and are preparing against surprises. Amidst the fun and frivolity of the festive season, responsible officers in the army and navy have been dealing with serious problems, and the knowledge of this has not been without its effect in the commercial community. There is a fear that war between Japan and Russia will involve Great Britain. Should Russia receive assistance from another Power, Britain, as is well known, is pledged to espouse the cause of her Far Eastern ally. But even should the two Powers most directly interested be left to fight out their quarrel, it is inevitable that other Powers will be affected by the settlement, for it is improbable that they will allow Japan to be hopelessly crippled should she be defeated by Russia, while some of them may seek to deprive Japan, as they did in 1895, of the fruits of her victory should she be successful. The Far Eastern situation, therefore, is much more serious than it was when Japan and China went to war over the sovereignty of Korea. As we have said, it is evident the British authorities are determined to avoid surprises. The other week, a test was made of the resources of the naval establishment by fitting out the naval squadron for sea in a given space of time, and the crews of the warships in harbour are being drilled in every possible way to bring them to the highest pitch of efficiency. This is, of course, nothing very unusual. The British navy is prepared to go anywhere and do anything at a moment's notice; but when the ships are warned to be prepared to proceed to sea on 48 hours' notice and their crews are exercised in clearing for action, as they were yesterday, and urgent docking arrangements of battleships and cruisers are being carried out, it is not strange that the outside public should speculate on the signs of the times and wonder if the British Ministry has determined upon a 'strong' policy in regard to Japan's dispute with Russia. If it has, then Hongkong promises to be a highly interesting centre of activity during the next few months.

In Port Arthur, war is expected almost momentarily. A letter which we received yesterday from that port gives an interesting glimpse of that fortress. Writing on the 19th inst., a correspondent says: 'By Spring, I am afraid we will have war. Things are looking very serious, and the garrison here is being continually reinforced. At the same time, the place is exceedingly gay, life being here a constant round of amusements, balls, theatricals, &c., &c., in the Naval Club, the Military Club, or the houses of the leading officials. The officers here are, on the whole, a very fine lot of fellows. One splendid young officer who I met at a ball—the representative of a long line of Cossack soldier-ancestors—had, evidently, a genuine respect for the British and what they had done in the past. I think the Russians are quite entitled to keep as much of China as they can grab. After all, it is impossible to keep China on her feet, and I'd sooner see her Russian than Japanese. I would most of all prefer to see her British, of course, but that seems to be impossible. We are weary Titans, and don't want an addition to our load! So far as China is concerned, our correspondent, in these sentences, hits off the situation tersely enough. 'It is impossible to keep China on her feet! Is it Japan's mission to endeavour to restore to China her lost provinces of the north? Are the Japanese wise in endeavouring to drive the Russians out of Manchuria? Will the Japanese receive any assistance in such a self-assumed task? We cannot believe that the British Government intends to give any assistance. It is not even prepared, apparently, to insist upon its traditional policy of the preservation of China's integrity and the

maintenance of 'the open door.' In the interests of foreign trade, it is extremely desirable that Russia should be prevented from closing Manchuria. The United States took some action in this matter two years ago. Is President Roosevelt to insist upon 'the open door' in Manchuria, or is he inclined to accept what seems to be inevitable—the absorption of Manchuria by Russia, leaving it to Russia to give whatever terms she chooses? There are some who believe that the United States are prepared to insist on the fulfilment of Russia's promises. They point to the return of the U.S. squadron to Japan from Honolulu as an evidence of President Roosevelt's 'strong' policy. As a matter of fact, this movement of the U.S. squadron is absolutely devoid of political portent. On the 21st November, a Russian telegram from Washington stated: 'The United States Battleship and Cruiser Squadron on the Asiatic Station, consisting of the battleships *Kentucky*, flagship of Rear Admiral Evans, in command, *Wisconsin*, and *Oregon*, in place of the usual Winter Manoeuvres in Philippine waters. The cruise will begin in a few days, and the Squadron will require from 15 to 18 days to reach Honolulu, where it will probably remain a fortnight, when the return voyage to the Philippines will be begun.' If the United States were anxious to become a factor in Far Eastern politics, they never had a better opportunity for playing an important part. But they wish to pass as a world Power without fulfilling the responsibilities of the position. Should President Roosevelt make a diversion in Japan's favour, it would probably help to bring about a speedy settlement of the Manchurian question; but we do not anticipate any interference by the United States.

As the situation stands, therefore, Japan is free to face with Russia. Each stands alone. Russia not only refuses to withdraw from Manchuria, where there might be some justification for her presence, but she shows a disposition to invade Korea, for whose independence Japan fought. Whatever the Japanese Cabinet may decide in regard to Manchuria, it will make a desperate effort to preserve Korea's independence from Russian domination, and if Russia continues her aggression there she, and not Japan, will be responsible for the outbreak of hostilities, while Japan will have the sympathy if not the active support of more than one of the Powers.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## Cricket in Australia.

The match England v. Newcastle Fifteen, played at Newcastle (N.S.W.), ended in a draw. England scored 308 (Foster 105 and Hayward 87) and 381 for eight wickets (Tyldesley 127, and Braund 61, not out), while the Newcastle Fifteen compiled 273 in the first innings.

## Sir Henry Blake.

In a recent issue, the *Times of Ceylon* made the following comments: 'The members of the Legislative Council were keen to see what a figure Sir Henry Blake would cut at the first meeting at which he presided. The Council had for so long been controlled by the ruling hand of Sir West Ridgeway that any departure from the customs which had clustered around that vigorous régime would come almost as a miracle. First of all Sir Henry appeared by a different entrance. He was announced with slightly less pomp, but he bowed graciously; and his first act, before sitting down, was to shake hands with the Clerk of the Council, Mr. A. G. Clayton, whom evidently he had not met before. In the conduct of the business before the House, Sir Henry proved himself a stickler for form, but he was thoroughly at home with the intricate subject of supplementary expenditure. The Clerk proceeded as usual, to read every clause of the lengthy Ordinance for the supplementary contingent charges, and as each item was read the Governor (contrary to precedent, for former Governors, as representing the Sovereign, have remained seated when addressing the Council) stood up and put it to the Council, but he soon found that the task was tiring and monotonous, and the rest of the work was got over in a jump, so to speak. His Excellency has one fault, if we may say so, and that is, he speaks somewhat indistinctly in a room the acoustical properties of which are notoriously imperfect.'

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## Notes by the Way.

The *Genoa Maru*, stranded off Nemuro, has been refloated.

The *Viceroy* was to make a public entry into Calcutta on the 16th inst.

Viscount Ikeda, ex-federal lord of the Iwata clan, died on December 13, aged 58.

Colonel Sir John Lane Harrington has been gazetted Minister Plenipotentiary to Abyssinia.

The Kawasaki Dockyard Co., Kobe, have declared a dividend of 12 per cent per annum.

Parcel Mails for Europe &c., &c., per s.s. *Sinla* will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 31st inst.

The German Mail of the 25th November was delivered in London on the 28th December.

The U.S.K. chartered steamer *Kayo Maru* broke her shaft and had to put in to Mokpo in Korea.

The British steamer *Kith of Beaulieu*, 1,168 tons, has been sold to Mr Harada of Osaka for £10,000.

The C. S. K. S. *Nishikigawa Maru*, 200 tons net, sank off Minabe on Dec. 17, with considerable loss of life.

An anonymous donation of £50,000 has been made to University College, London, for higher education and research.

The British steamer *Algon* reports having passed a sun-shaped buoy, painted white, adrift 11 miles E. N. E. of Breaker Point.

The Seoul-Fusan railway is getting on; 33 miles on the Seoul side and 53 on the Fusan side are to be opened for traffic very shortly.

The roof of the Cathedral at Tollo, Italy, has fallen in, and serious fears are entertained as to the safety of the rest of the building.

The British steamer stranded off Muroran is now said to be the *Manayene* loaded with sulphur. It is reported that she is a total wreck.

It is reported that the French have threatened to take action with regard to the Kwangsi rebellion if China does not give way to Russia.

Mrs J. A. Dowie, the wife of the Rev. Canon of the Christian Church in Zion, and her son, are staying at a aristocratic hotel at Cannes, in the Riviera.

The master of licensed junk No. 8344 was fined \$3 by the Marine Magistrate yesterday for disobeying the lawful commands of the Harbour Master.

Watchdogs are to be employed to guard the German Government dockyards. A dog is to accompany each sentinel, and the animal will be set upon any stranger who fails to respond to the challenge.

There were 154 European and 42 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 14 European and 1,641 Chinese to the Museum during the week ending 27th December (excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day).

The releasing of the case against Chan Choi, Chan Yan, Wong Sui, Wong Lai, and Wong Tung, who were convicted for being in unlawful possession of rice, nuts and peas on December 22, was again before Mr T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistrate's Court. Mr G. K. H. Bruton appeared for the defence. After evidence further remand was granted until tomorrow at 11.30 a.m.

Disorderly Koreans. The *Sin Wen Pao* is informed by a Kinschow despatch that recently a body of Koreans, over a thousand in number, crossed the Yalu River into Lingkiang District (Chinese territory) where they had been committing all kinds of depredations, as robbery, rapine and arson, to the great discomfort and annoyance of the people of the district. Consequently, Tartar General Tsongoli has despatched a punitive expedition against these lawless hordes.

Brigands and Russian Troops. The *Sin Wen Pao* gathers that Tartar General Tung-chi of Fungien lately addressed the Peking Government that in addition to local band characters and disbanded soldiers who had been committing breaches of the peace in the provinces on the banks of Liao River, there were also brigands who wander about the region in bands of three to five hundred or sometimes over a thousand. The Russians had been using their best efforts to exterminate them, but their presence likewise caused great inconvenience to the people, and the Chinese troops could not prevent them from entering Chinese territory; therefore the Tartar General requested the Waiwup to ask the Russian Minister at Peking to instruct the Military administration in Eastern Russia to leave the task of punishing and exterminating these brigands in Chinese territories to the Chinese officers and troops, so that the people might not be disturbed.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## The 'Mongolia's' Maiden Voyage.

The P. & O. steamer *Mongolia*, with the English mail of the 27th ultimo, left Aden for Bombay at 6 p.m. on the 7th inst.

## British Trade in November.

The Board of Trade returns for November show that imports have increased to £5,065,335, and exports decreased £1,610,445.

## A Biding Accident.

An Allahabad telegram says:—Mr George Miller, the well-known English polo player, now in Champaran hunting, has met with a riding accident which will lay him up for some time. He is making satisfactory progress.

## Important Discovery in Somaliland.

An expert geological reconnaissance made in Western and Southern Somaliland points to the existence of an extensive and copious artesian system, at a depth varying from a hundred to a thousand feet, and also a subterranean supply along dry wadis at a depth of thirty to a hundred feet.

## Wireless Telegraph Changes.

The tariff for the transmission of telegrams by the Marconi wireless system between Rome and Cape Cod, Poldhu (Cornwall) and Buenos Ayres, has now been fixed. Messages between Italy and England will be exchanged at the rate of one penny a word; those for the United States and Canada threepence a word, and those for Argentina fourpence a word.

## Postal Reciprocity.

Mr J. Henniker Haton, M.P., has suggested to M. Trouillot, the French Minister for Commerce, Industry, Posts and Telegraphs, that letters from England for France and from France for England should each be stamped in accordance with the inland rate of the country despatching them. M. Trouillot said that he was favourable to that being done if Great Britain proposed it.

## Terrible Plague Mortality.

The total plague mortality in India during the week ending the 5th instant was 16,437 as against 17,617 in the preceding week and 12,400 in the corresponding period of last year. The detailed figures are Bombay City 46; Bombay Presidency 7,073; Karachi 6; Madras 418; Calcutta 14,437; Bengal 778; the United Provinces 2,202; the Panjab, 1,674; the Central Provinces 1,888; Mysore 673; Hyderabad 629; Rajputana 90; Central India 1,001; Kashmir 10; and the North West Frontier Province and Coorg one each.

## Labour on the Rand.

A deputation from the White Labour League has urged Sir A. Lawley, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Transvaal, to refer the question of the importation of Asiatics to work in the mines to a referendum. His Excellency said that his experience of the referendum in Australia was not encouraging. The question was too complex to render a simple intelligible issue practicable. The Chamber of Trade of Johannesburg, representing all the wholesale houses of the town, has passed a resolution recommending the importation of coloured labour under indentures.

## Zetland Lodge Installation.

The installation of Wor. Bro. J. W. L. Oliver as R.W.M. of Zetland Lodge, No. 625 E.C., was performed last night by the Rt. Wor. Deputy District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China. After the installation ceremony the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Senior Warden, Bro. H. Sykes; Junior Warden, Bro. W. H. Purcell; Chaplain, Bro. H. B. Townshend; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. G. J. B. Sayer; Secretary, Wor. Bro. C. Hersey (Jun.); Senior Deacon, Bro. A. H. Skelton; Junior Deacon, Bro. J. E. O'Sullivan; Dip. of Ceremonies, Bro. C. F. L. Donkin; Inner Guard, Bro. J. Parkes; Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone; Stewards, Bros. W. King and C. R. Eitcock. A banquet was then held, at which the following toasts were honoured:—The King, Grand Protector of the Craft; the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G.; and Officers of the Grand Lodge of England; the District Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China; Sister Lodges and Visitors; the Hongkong and South China Masonic Benevolent Fund Corporation; the Worshipful Master; the Immediate Past Master; Wives, Sisters, Daughters and Sweethearts of Masons; all Poor and Distressed Masons.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## R. A. Dance.

We hear that the Royal Artillery propose to give a dance on Tuesday, the 19th of January.

## The 'Tansen' Judgment.

The full text of the 'Tansen' judgment given at the Supreme Court at Singapore will be found on pages 2 and 3 of this issue.

## English Weather.

A telegram dated London, 6th inst., says:—A dense fog was experienced yesterday in London and the English Channel, and many mishaps occurred by land and sea, and shipping was seriously delayed.

## British Trade Returns.

The returns of British trade for the month of November issued by the Board of Trade show that imports have increased by £3,655,535, and exports have decreased by £1,610,445, compared with the corresponding month of last year.

## Transfer of License.

At a meeting of the Justices of Peace at the Magistrate's day it was decided to grant an application from J. D. Cameron for the transfer of his publican's license for the Occidental Hotel to Rudolf Matthay. Mr T. Sercombe Smith presided, and there were also present Messrs J. H. Kemp, C. D. Melbourne, and Capt. Lyons.

## The Indian Medical Service.

New regulations for promotion in the Indian medical service have been gazetted, announcing a London telegram. Promotion up to Lieutenant-Colonel is automatic; but Captains with six years' service become Majors. Lieutenant-Colonels are also promoted for distinguished service. Increases of pay and promotions to higher ranks depend on services and ability.

## Alleged Theft of \$4500.

At the Magistrate's day, Li Chap Cheung, an accountant in the employ of Li Chuen-chong at 120 Des Vaux Road, was charged before Mr J. H. Kemp, with stealing \$4,500, the property of his master. The money was locked up in a safe, but on December 18, the safe was found opened and the money was found to be missing. Accused was arrested by Inspector McNab, and after formal evidence a remand was made until Tuesday, January 5.

## Alleged Unlawful Possession.

Un Kwong, Marine Store dealer, was charged at the Magistrate's day, before Mr T. Sercombe Smith, with being in possession of 150 pieces of oil, valued at \$700, and reasonably suspected of being stolen or unlawfully obtained. The oil, said accused, was being pumped into the sea from a French steamer, and he asked the chief officer to pump it into his boat. This was done, and he paid \$35 for the oil. He did not know the name of the steamer, but said that she came in on Friday, December 25, and left on the following day for Shanghai and Kobe. The further hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

## Official Changes.

The appointment of Mr J. H. Kemp as Assistant Secretary to the Sanitary Board forebodes a crop of official changes in the Spring. Mr G. A. Woodcock, Secretary of the Sanitary Board, goes on leave in March next, when Mr Kemp will become Acting Secretary. We have not heard who will succeed Mr Kemp at the Magistrate's day, but probably Mr E. D. C. Wolfe, who has acted on one or two occasions, will become Acting Police Magistrate. Mr F. A. Hargland, the second Police Magistrate, returns in the Spring, and will in all likelihood resume the position of Acting Senior Police Magistrate, owing to changes at the Supreme Court necessitating Mr Sercombe Smith's assumption of the duties of Puisne Judge.

Mr Wise, who goes on leave. The Chief Justice, Sir William Goodman, is also mentioned as likely to go on leave, and as Sir H. S. Berkeley will occupy the bench as Acting Chief Justice we presume Mr E. H. Sharp, K.C., who has already filled the post, will again become Acting Attorney General.

## Hill's World's Entertainers.

The high-class entertainment which Hill's World's Entertainers have been giving at the Theatre Royal during the past week has given great pleasure to those who have attended, and all are unanimous in voting it the best of its kind that has been given here. To-night a complete change of programme will be given, when Hill and Sylvian will perform new and wonderful tricks on the cycle and unicycle. Instead of a bicycle wheel Mr Hill will use a richa wheel. Victor Kelly, the popular comedian, will also give new specialties, in the shape of acrobatic dances and contortions and fresh songs will be sung by Mr Leonard Nelson, who has so far scored a marked success, and Miss Leslie Norman, a vocalist of high merit. Miss Agnes, a dainty little coon song singer, will also appear in new business, and will, in addition, in company with Victor Kelly, give a cake walk and indulge in other comicities. Lezzer, the mystic, will perform other sleight-of-hand feats, and will no doubt mystify the audience as much as he has been doing during the season. A new artist, Miss Glad Christy, will appear this evening. Miss May McCrystal will preside at the piano.



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## CALLING AT SINGAPORE.

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## FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

## CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.

S.S. Nienburg, Capt. JAHNKE, 10th December, 1903. Freight.

## FOR HAVRE, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

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## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NESTOR	1st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KEMUN	14th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KINSEY	22nd January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MOVINE	29th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLAUCUS	3rd February.

The S.S. TYDEUS has arrived and leaves for JAPAN and PACIFIC on 30th inst. The S.S. NESTOR left Singapore on 28th inst., and is due here on 1st January.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DARDANUS	5th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YANOTSE	12th January.
LIVERPOOL, with TRANSHIPMENT	YANOTSE	19th January.
LONDON & ANTWERP	NESTOR	26th January.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KEMUN	1st February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KINSEY	8th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KINSEY	15th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOVINE	22nd February.

\* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and	TYDEUS	30th December.
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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers	Sailing Dates, 1904.
KIAUTSCHOU	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb.
GERA	WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb.
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar.
HOON	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 13th April.
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